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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First named Applicant: Venkata R. Jagana

Application No.: 09/686,049 (CONF 4959)

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Title: System for host-to-host connectivity using
FICON protocol over a storage area network

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Group Art Unit:
2143

Examiner:
William C. Vaughn, Jr.

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of December 1, 2005, please amend the application
as follows, and consider the following remarks.

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